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GENEVA 7337 NOTAL

1. EMBASSY IN REFTEL B SAID IRAN WAS NOT A "PARTICIPANT" IN
MTN. THIS WAS MEANT IN DISTINCTION TO BEING OCCASIONALLY ACTIVE
IN AN "OBSERVER" STATUS AS EXPLAINED IN REFTEL A.

2. DURING AN OCT 9 CALL ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC

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AFFAIRS, HOOSHANG BATMANGELIDJ, AND DIRECTOR OF RCD DEPARTMENT,
PARVIZ ADLE, ECONOFF QUERIED CONCERNING GOI'S POSITION ON MTN.

BATMANGELIDJ SAID MFA, ESPECIALLY ITS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT, CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR A MORE ACTIVE GOI ROLE IN MTN. YET IN DEFERENCE TO MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, THE GOI IS NOT YET EVEN ACCREDITED TO MTN AS A "PERMANENT OBSERVER." HE SAID IRAN'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA, AMBASSADOR MANOUCHEHR FARTASH AND STAFF, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY AUGMENTED BY OFFICIALS SENT FROM TEHRAN, ARE ABLE TO OBSERVE ONLY SOME OF MTN COMMITTEES.

3. IN COURSE OF BATMANGELIDJ'S EXPOSITION OF GOI INTERNATIONAL TRADE GOALS, HE LECTURED LIGHTLY ON THE NEED TO SEEK UNIVERSAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RESOLVING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. ECONOFF USED THIS PHILOSOPHICLA INVITATION TO SUGGEST THAT THIS COMMENDABLE VIEW CERTAINLY ARGUED FOR IRAN'S PURSUIT OF TRADE PREFERENCES IN A UNIVERSAL, GENERALIZED CONTEXT AS IS OFFERED THROUGH TH MTN, RATHER THAN THROUGH REGIONAL ARANGEMENTS. WHILE AVOIDING ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF IRAN'S PURSUITS OF REGIONAL PREFERENCES WITH THE EEC AND RCD COUNTRIES(REFTEL B), BATMANGELIDJ AND ADLE UNDERSTOOD THE POINT INTENDED.

4. AMBASSADOR ADLE SAID THAT THE MEETING HERE OF RCD TECHNICAL EXPERTS WAS JUST CONCLUDING. BEYOND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO DRAFT PRODUCT LISTS FOR THE PROPOSED RCD TRADE PREFERENCES SCHEME, HE WOULD COMMENT ONLY THAT THE LARGELY "PARALLEL NATURE" OF THE RCD ECONOMICS POSES A PROBLEM IN IDENTIFYING MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TRADE EXPANSION POTENTIAL.

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